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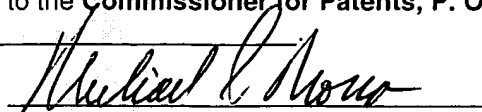
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The Restriction Requirement mailed October 21, 2004 requires a restriction to one of the following groups: Group I (claims 1-13) drawn to an optical fiber connector, or Group II (claims 14-25) drawn to method of securing an optical fiber. In response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to an optical fiber connector, and expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

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undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

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